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REMOVING NON-DISCRIMINATORY INDICES  
OF AN INDEXED DATASET

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend without prejudice the National Stage Application filed herewith, which is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/US03/40677 as follows, prior to calculation of the National Stage fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.